

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

702 KAR 6:100 – Appeal Procedures for Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

7 CFR 210.8(b)(1); 215.10(b); 220.11(b); 225.9(d)(6); and 226.10(e); 702 KAR 6:100

History/Background:

Existing Policy. Pursuant to several federal regulations, the Kentucky Board of Education has promulgated 702 KAR 6:100, setting forth the procedures under which sponsors of the various child nutrition programs administered by the Division of Nutrition and Health Services may appeal adverse actions by the Division. One of the items that may be appealed is denial of all or part of a claim for reimbursement, except for a late claim. 7 CFR 210.8(b)(1); 215.10(b); 220.11(b); 225.9(d)(6); and 226.10(e), which are federal regulations, all stipulate that monthly claims for reimbursement must be filed within 60 days of the close of the month for which reimbursement is being claimed. However, each of those regulations also allows state agencies to establish shorter timeframes within which claims must be submitted. In October of 1996, the Kentucky Department of Education exercised that discretion and notified program sponsors that they would henceforth have only 30 days from the close of the month to submit the claim. This change enables us to get funds to sponsors in a speedier fashion and allows us to make quicker reporting to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Policy Issue(s):

The Kentucky Department of Education had a recent situation where a Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsor submitted its second late claim within three (3) years. Accordingly, we denied payment of the claim. The sponsor requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture pass judgment on our denial. At the federal level, it was concluded that if the sponsor submits the claim 31-60 days late we may deny payment but must offer appeal rights to the sponsor. If the claim is 61 days late, we may deny payment without offering appeal rights. In short, the discretion to establish a shorter time frame does not affect appeal rights.

That being the case, we see no reason for the regulation to deny appeal rights for sponsors whose claim for reimbursement is denied because the claim was late. That is the substantive change proposed in Section 1(2)(g) and Section 1(3)(c) of the attached regulation (702 KAR 6:100).

In addition, where it is mentioned, the amendment to the regulation would update the Division's name.

The specific changes to 702 KAR 6:100 (attached) include the following:

Page 1, line 5 - after the word “for,” add “nutrition and health services” and delete the words “school and community nutrition”;

Page 2, line 10 - after the word “reimbursement,” delete the words “except for a late claim”;

Page 3, lines 2 and 3 - after “reimbursement,” delete the words “except for a late claim under 7 CFR 225.9(d)(5)”;

Page 3, lines 12 and 13 - after the word “of” on line 12, add the words “Nutrition and Health Services” and delete the words “School and Community Nutrition”;

Page 3, lines 14 and 15, after the word “of” on line 14, add the words “Nutrition and Health Services” and delete the words “School and Community Nutrition”

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

The Board will receive LSAC’s input via a letter from that body prior to the June meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Good child nutrition is essential for the maximizing of learning.

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